

“ONE THING”
Time to Simplify – Part 1
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INTRODUCTION

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’”

Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV)

1. I MUST _____

“One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.”

Psalms 27:4 (ESV)

2. I MUST _____

“Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **but one thing is necessary.** Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’”

Luke 10:38:42 (ESV)

3. I MUST

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. **But one thing I do:** forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 3:12-14 (ESV)**

4. I MUST

“And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ And he said to him, ‘Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.’

And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, **‘You lack one thing:** go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me’ Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.’

And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, ‘Then who can be saved?’

Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.’” **Mark 10:17-27 (ESV)**

CONCLUSION

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:24 (ESV)